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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF U.S. MILITARY FACILITY IN BARBADOS

REF:A)BRIDGETOWN 1056, B) BRIDGETOWN 1058

1. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO REFS A AND B.
2. REFTEL A STATES THAT THE COMPENSATORY FIGURE OF \$200,000 FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS IS BASED UPON STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL LANDING FEES. ARTICLE VII OF THE 1961 AGREEMENT STATES THAT USG WOULD NOT BE CHARGED LANDING FEES, THUS CLEARLY IMPLYING THAT THE USG CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE LESS IN AGGREGATE THAN IF IT WERE PAYING LANDING FEES. THE QUESTION OF REPAIR OF ROADS OR USG REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUCH REPAIRS AS PROVIDED FOR IN ANNEX B TO THE 1961 AGREEMENT
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IS NOT MENTIONED REFTEL A.
A ONE-TIME COMPENSATION PAYMENT WOULD HAVE TO COVER ALL GOB CLAIMS UNDER THE 1961 AGREEMENT THROUGH THE END OF 1977.

3. WE SUPPORT NEGOTIATION STRATEGY OUTLINED IN REF A.
HOWEVER, IF ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO:

A. NEGOTIATE A ONE-TIME PAYMENT UP TO A MAXIMUM OF

\$200,000 SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION OF A SATISFACTORY LEASE AGREEMENT. PAYMENT OF ANY SUM IN SETTLEMENT OF THESE CLAIMS SHOULD NOT BE LINKED IN ANY WAY, OR COMPARED WITH, PAYMENT OF LANDING FEES. NAVY REQUIRES THAT THE ONE-TIME PAYMENT BE MADE BY MARCH 31, 1978 TO PERMIT USE OF FY 77 OR 78 FUNDS.

B. AS A FALLBACK, YOU MAY AGREE TO MAXIMUM ONE-TIME COMPENSATORY PAYMENT OF UP TO \$200,000 IN ADDITION TO THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL RENTAL OF \$770,000.

4. ALL SUBSIDIARY FUNDING FOR AIRPORT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AND ROAD REPAIR FOR THE PERIOD OF THE NEW AGREEMENT BEGINNING JANUARY, 1978 MUST BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE ANNUAL FACILITY RENTAL FEE. CHRISTOPHER

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